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OREGON WEATHER

+ Fair tonight, frost eastern +
+ portion; Thursday fair, north- +
+ easterly winds. +

COST OF MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT.

The Tax Liberator published in its late issue a tabulation showing the per capita cost of conducting the various municipalities of the state of Oregon. The editor of the Liberator says: "The real test of economy in public expenditure is the per capita cost. Millage rates mean next to nothing. To get a proper comparison we must determine how much it costs for each person in the community. There are some startling discrepancies. In the city of Fossil the cost of city government is \$1.13 per head. In Linton it is \$27.30 per head."

Based upon a population of 4,000, the per capita expense of the city of Grants Pass is given at \$4.84, not a bad showing as compared with other cities of the same class. Ashland is credited with a population of 6,000 and Roseburg with 6,500, a discrepancy in their favor over Grants Pass not warranted by census reports, yet at that Ashland is spending \$6.97 per capita and Roseburg \$4.55. In total figures, Grants Pass levies a tax that produces \$19,336.33 per annum; Ashland, \$41,326.08, and Roseburg \$29,690 for the current expenses of the various civic governments.

Few of the cities of Oregon that pretend to maintain modern and adequate governments pay less per capita than Grants Pass. Medford pays \$4.15, but this figure is based upon a population of 12,300, and an annual expenditure of \$51,128. The cost of administration in other cities of the state runs as follows: Pendleton, \$7.50; Oregon City, \$5; Portland, \$7.97; Salem, \$8.70; The Dalles, \$8.40; Astoria, \$8.12; Athena, \$9.50; Klamath Falls, \$6.03, and LaGrande, \$8.23.

It would, of course, require a personal inspection of each of the cities named to know how well the money was expended, and whether or not the people were getting value received for the expenditure. It is notable however that Grants Pass has been, on the average, well policed, its fire department liberally maintained, its streets properly and plentifully lighted and cleaned, and other departments of the city government conducted along reasonable lines. There are many communities that have more to kick about than Grants Pass.

GAME LAW CHANGES.

More than 240 new game laws were enacted during 1915—a larger number than in any previous year except 1911, according to Farmers' Bulletin 692, "Game Laws for 1915." Forty-three states held regular legislative sessions, and in all of these states except Arizona, Georgia and Nebraska some changes were made in the statutes protecting game. The largest number of new game laws passed in any one state was 61, in North Carolina; but in California, Connecticut, Maine, New Jersey, Oregon, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin the number reached ten or more. Several measures were vetoed, including a general game bill in Idaho, the first bill appropriating the hunting license fund in Pennsylvania, a bill protecting bears in California, and three sections of the game bill in Washington. A number of bills were introduced for the purpose of



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STEEL COMPANIES IN THE EAST FORM GIANT COMBINE

New York, Oct. 6.—A new chapter in steel combinations, as great as that of the United States Steel corporation 15 years ago, is being written here, according to rumors in Wall street today.

News of the formation of the Midvale Steel and Ordnance company, with \$100,000,000 capital, had scarcely been received when another gigantic combine, backed by Charles M. Schwab and Henry C. Frick, was reported. This combine, the reports said, will bring together the Pennsylvania Steel company and the Bethlehem Steel company, with perhaps the Cambria Steel company thrown in for full measure.

The Midvale combination has as its backers the Rockefeller-Corsey-Converse group. Supporters of the big combine plans are said to foresee not alone the vast profits of "war orders" but also a return demand for American steel products after the war unprecedented in American history.

REPORT EMPEROR FRANCIS JOSEPH SERIOUSLY ILL

Rome, Oct. 6.—Emperor Francis Joseph is seriously ill, according to a report of the Correspondenza News Agency.

Baron Burjan and Viscount Tjesza were reported to have been summoned to his bedside.

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UNITED STATES NOW HAS GREATEST TRADE BALANCE.

Statistics Show How Gold Is Pouring
Into Coffers of This Country.

The following figures which show the financial relations of the United States with the allied war nations are interesting at this time.

Balance in favor of the United States in trade with Great Britain, Canada, France and Russia in fiscal year ended June 30 was \$1,123,762,000.

Gold to meet the indebtedness has been sent to this country by Canada, Great Britain and France since Jan. 1 totaling \$185,000,000.

Foreign owned American securities have been brought back and sold on the American market to an estimated amount of \$250,000,000.

Government loans and credits announced as made in this country to Canada, Russia and France, amount to \$190,000,000.

Despite these payments, an estimated total of \$631,000,000 in gold securities and loans, sterling exchange sold recently at 4.62½, or at a discount of more than 5 per cent.

Gold holdings of the Bank of Eng-

land are \$236,504,000, as compared with \$227,037,000 a year ago.

Gold holdings of the Bank of France are \$853,264,000, as compared with \$828,208,000 at the outbreak of the war.

Gold holdings of Russia are \$844,340,000, as compared with \$861,615,000 a year ago.

Gold coin and bullion were held in the United States treasury July 30 last to the amount of \$1,177,131,169.

The total reserves of the national banks of the United States on their last report to the comptroller of the currency were \$1,840,000,000.

The surplus of these reserves above legal requirements was \$778,000,000.

This surplus reserve is estimated by Comptroller Williams as "sufficient to justify an expansion of credit of \$2,000,000,000 to \$3,000,000,000."

Earliest English Surname.

History shows that surnames did not come into general and hereditary use in England until after the Norman conquest, when the upper classes were first known by the names of their lands. The lower orders took the names of trades, birds, animals and various other objects in art and nature. We are told that the earliest English surname is Hatto.

PORTLAND SALOON MAN CAPTURED WOULD-BE HOLDUP

Portland, Oct. 6.—Two armed highwaymen attempted to hold-up the Armory saloon early today, but John A. Lee, the proprietor, resisted. Lee captured Fred Shields, one of the alleged hold-ups, and Herbert Clyde, implicated in an alleged confession by Shields, was arrested later. Both

are said to be former inmates of the Chehalis, Wash., reform school.

A year ago Lee shot and killed a highwayman when three masked robbers attempted to hold up his saloon.

Grape Crate Labels.—Beautiful labels, lithographed in natural colors, for sale at reasonable prices at the Courier office. Ask for samples.

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